

1 By Kochman and Bernd, et al

S.C.R. No. 3

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5 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2
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8 State Senator from San Antonio, on Monday, November 24, 1969, at
9 the age of 70, leaves a void of great dimension in the legislative
10 halls of the Texas capitol; and

11 WHEREAS, Senator Berry, a four-term legislator who served as
12 a member of both the Texas House of Representatives and the Senate
13 was a dedicated legislator who was beloved and respected by fellow
14 legislators; and

15 WHEREAS, A native of Arkansas, the future senator was one of
16 13 children. He began work at the age of 15 for the Union Pacific
17 Railroad, but soon left this job in 1918 for service in the
18 United States Army; and

19 WHEREAS, After serving several hitches in the army,
20 "Red" Berry became a San Antonio resident, emerging as a well-known
21 personage in the city's social and political life; and

22 WHEREAS, Although he was defeated in 1946 in his first
23 political aspiration, a race for San Antonio Police Commissioner,
24 the red-haired Berry acquired a taste for politics, and in 1960 won
25 election to the Texas House of Representatives. In 1966 he was
26 elected to the Senate, and after reapportionment made a second
27 race necessary at the end of two years he was reelected; and

28 WHEREAS, As a member of the Legislature, Senator Berry
29 fought unsuccessfully for legalization of pari-mutuel gambling, a
30 cause which made him famous throughout Texas, and he also supported
31 such outstanding legislation as educational benefits for the
32 underprivileged and tax exemptions for charity animal hospitals;
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34 WHEREAS, In addition, he ardently supported lowering the
35 voting age in Texas to 18 and was the first legislator in Texas
36 history to get this provision out of committee and into floor
37 debate; and

38 WHEREAS, The outstanding career of Senator Berry was marked
39 by his great zest for life and his almost single-minded dedication
40 to the affairs of the Legislature, and members of both Houses of
41 the 62nd Legislature wish to join in honoring this respected former
42 colleague, Senator Virgil E. Berry; now, therefore, be it

43 RESOLVED by the Senate of the 62nd Legislature of the State
44 of Texas, the House of Representatives concurring, That the Texas
45 Legislature pay tribute to the memory of Senator Virgil E. Berry
46 and extend sympathy on their great loss to the members of his
47 family: to his wife, Mrs. Lydia Gorzell Berry and to his son,
48 Duke Berry, both of San Antonio; and to his brothers, Otis Berry
49 of Louisiana and Artie Berry of Kansas City, Missouri; and, be
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51 RESOLVED, That official copies of this Resolution be prepared
52 for the members of his family, and that when both Houses of the
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Lieutenant Governor

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S. C. R. No. 3 was adopted by the Senate
on January 14, 1971.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S. C. R. No. 3 was adopted by the House
on January 18, 1971.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

1-21-71

Date

Signed

Governor

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
10:45 AM O'CLOCK

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Secretary of State

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By: Kothman

JAN 18 1971

Received from
the Senate

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In memory of the Honorable Virgil E. "Red" Berry

Dorothy Hallman

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

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of the Senate.

_____ Read first time and
referred to Committee on

_____ Reported favorably.

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the Senate. _____

Immediate consideration ordered by

{ unanimous consent.

{ _____ yeas, _____ nays.

_____ Read and Adopted.

Secretary of the Senate

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_____ yeas, _____ nays

JAN 18 1971

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY RISING VOTE.

JAN 14 1971

Read and Adopted, by rising vote

Dorothy Hallman

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Charles Schnabel

Secretary of the Senate

JAN 18 1971

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JAN 19 1971

FROM HOUSE

1-14-71 Engrossed.

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Engrossing Clerk

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